

Draft 2004 Federal Legislative Goals and Objectives

- Continue to seek funding through the U.S. Department of Energy to enhance the hydrogen fueling infrastructure underway in the South Coast Air Basin, help demonstrate the feasibility of hydrogen fueled vehicles and help accelerate the use of these vehicles nationwide. This effort is consistent with the President's recent dedication of funding for hydrogen fuel projects as well as the AQMD's recent activities and initiatives in this area.
- Continue to seek funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide technology transition assistance grants to dry cleaners to accelerate the use of more environmentally friendly cleaning processes. This is consistent with Rule 1421 – Control of Perchloroethylene Emissions from Dry Cleaning Systems and AQMD's funding program which has provided approximately \$1 million to replace aging equipment.
- Continue to seek funding through the U.S. Department of Energy for research, demonstration and new engine platform deployment of natural gas technologies and an enhanced alternative-fuel refueling infrastructure to support new and existing vehicles. This effort is consistent with AQMD's recent activities and initiatives in this area.
- Seek funding to initiate/expand programs to replace diesel-powered Auxiliary Power Units (APUs), currently used on both freight-bearing and heavy-duty off-road vehicles, with various alternate-fuels (including electrification.)
- Seek additional funding through the U.S. Department of Defense to enhance the AQMD's Laboratory, primarily the mobile Emergency Response Unit, with the appropriate state-of-the-art equipment designed to monitor and perform analyses.
- Identify opportunities for air districts to participate in the decision-making process for disbursement of funds for local projects through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program during reauthorization of the federal Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century.
- Seek funding to conduct an Air Pollution Health Effects study, in conjunction with a local university or universities, which will aid health care professionals in identifying those at risk for developing brain tumors and other illnesses due to air pollution exposure and other environmental and behavioral factors.